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## Clarke mainstay retires

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**T**herese Mackin, BVM, has come a long way since she rode to high school in the back of a mail truck. On May 31, Sr. Therese will bring to a close nearly 50 years of dedicated service to the Clarke community.

Mackin, the youngest of eight children, arrived as a bright-eyed freshman on Clarke's campus in 1946. After four years, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

With the friendship between them lasting almost five decades, Joan Lingen, BVM, vice-president and provost for Academic Affairs at Clarke, speaks warmly of Sr. Therese. "Therese has a great sense of humor," she said. "She loves hearing good jokes, but she also loves to tell them."

Mackin, Lingen, former Clarke president Catherine Dunn, BVM, and Kate Hendel, BVM, dean of Adult and Graduate Studies, have been housemates for nearly 24 years.

Hendel, who has known Sr. Therese for 30 years, acknowledged that she is the thrifty one of the group. "We call her the coupon queen," Hendel said. "I remember one time when Therese called Joan and asked her if \$2.50 was a good price for 50 pounds of potatoes; there was a truck parked at the mall selling them. Joan assured her it was a good price. Later that evening, we discovered that not only had Therese bought two 50-pound bag of potatoes, but also a 50-pound bag of onions!"

Sr. Therese's adventuresome spirit is reflected in both her accomplishment as a downhill skier and in



Above: Therese Mackin's 1950 Clarke senior class picture. Right: Mackin sledding in 1949 with fellow officers of the Clarke Women's Athletic Association.



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ductions. From director to costume maker, she did it all. Even though she has long since left the theatre department, her love of plays has remained intact. She attends Clarke productions whenever she is able.

the variety of Clarke positions she has tackled and excelled. For 48 years, she has been giving selflessly to the college community.

In 1959, Sr. Therese became a faculty member in the drama department. Reflecting upon her nine-year stint in the department, she spoke about her teaching experience enthusiastically. "I like the interchange that takes place between parents, students, and faculty," she said.

As a member of the drama department faculty, Sr. Therese was involved in all aspects of many pro-

As time has gone by, Sr. Therese's resume has become more impressive. She served as the dean of students for 13 years, the director for Planned Giving and coordinator for the development staff for five years, the vice-president for Institutional Advancement for 10 years, and the assistant to the president and executive vice-president for nine years.

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## Campus security tightens up

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**Head of security John Swanton** insight, as well as questions about safety precautions that should have been taken. With the tragedy still fresh in the minds of college faculty and students alike, campus security has never been a bigger issue than it is right now. The million dollar question, however, is what types of safety measures can be made nationwide to ensure the heartbreak of Virginia Tech isn't echoed across the halls of other colleges.

"Security for the students is a high priority," said John Swanton, long-time director of Campus Security at Clarke. "They have enough stress put on them with school and classes. The extra burden of safety issues is just not needed."

Obviously nobody wants to walk down campus hallways feeling unsafe or uncomfortable. Unfortunately, since April 16 it hasn't been easy for students to call their learning environment a safe

haven. The same questions that were raised back when Columbine took over national news coverage are being brought to light again.

"The media has a tendency to blow things out of proportion a little bit," said Swanton. "They're really doing a disservice by reporting it so much. They're giving this kid who shot his classmates the spotlight that he probably wanted. So the impression they're leaving with other kids who might want to do something like this is that they can not only get away with it, but they can be famous because of it."

Since the shooting, Clarke has been actively involved with making necessary changes in its security methods. The Board of Trustees has already met to discuss risk management and loss prevention tactics, a topic that was already on their agenda. Other meetings among schools within the Dubuque area are also taking place so that they can share ideas about security and crime prevention.

But not all of this came about specifically because of the Virginia Tech shooting. In fact, most of these programs were already planned to be set into place before the incident ever happened, they just weren't publicized as strongly as they have been in the recent weeks. Swanton says that it's all about being "proactive rather than reactive." How exactly does Clarke manage to be proactive in these times of crises?

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High: 66  
Low: 53

40% chance of rain

### Judge/Clarke alum to speak at commencement

elizabeth korzelik  
campus life editor

**C**ommencement is an exciting time for graduates; it marks the end of their college journey and the beginning of their future. It is also one last time for the graduates to sit down and take in advice.

This year's commencement address will be given by Judge Susan A. Dubuisson, a 1971 Clarke alum. Dubuisson holds a bachelor's degree in French from Clarke and a juris doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Even though her family had moved around the country numerous times as a child, Dubuisson was shocked to find herself in Dubuque pursuing her liberal arts degree.

"I found myself in Dubuque with my little trunk, all alone, ready to spend the next four years in an alien landscape," said Dubuisson. "Luckily, the Clarke faculty and staff had plenty of experience dealing with that concept and I felt at home fairly quickly."

Dubuisson is looking forward to visiting Clarke. Her favorite place on campus is Mary Francis Hall where she lived for two years and was a resident assistant.

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## The Way I See It

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staff writer

Well you guys, this is finally it. This is the last time you will open up the "Courier" and see my picture along with my thoughts, comments and concerns.

As I sit here writing my column for the last time, I can't help but become overwhelmed with emotion. Come May 12, I will part ways with some of my closest friends. I will miss laughing and crying with them and stealing away for a night on the town to escape homework and stress. I will miss their comforting smiles, their support and words of encouragement during my times of weakness.

I can't help but worry about who will nag them about going to class and taking care of business, or who they will run to for their late night talks and snacks when I am gone. I also wonder about who's going to tell me that my keys are in my hand as I search aimlessly for them or make me sit down and take a deep breath when I am stressing over things beyond my control.

My friends and I have grown so accustomed to picking up where the other falls short, it makes me fear what life will be like without them on a daily basis. And even though we promise to keep in touch I can't help but question if that promise will subtly fade as life takes us on our separate journeys.

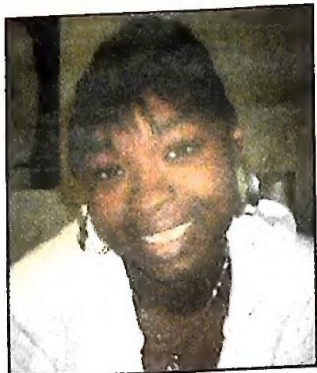
In my time at Clarke I've also grown to appreciate the sense of community here. I will miss everything from hearing Kathy's country music playing in the bathroom as she cleans, to seeing Mary Ellen's beautiful face at switchboard, to greeting people with a smile as they enter the Student Life Office.

I've developed such great relationships here at Clarke, and I wonder if I'll be lucky enough to experience such relationships on my new journey through life. Even though I fear the uncertainty of the future, I welcome it with open arms. I accept the challenges and obstacles that life may bring. I just pray that I meet more great people along the way.

To my fellow graduates, "Carpe Diem." Stand tall and be proud because you have accomplished something great. And as you move on with life, remember the great words of Eleanor Roosevelt: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent," and take them with you everywhere you go.

To the rest of the student body, I leave with you the words of Frederick Douglass, "There is no progress without struggle." Keep the faith and stay in the race. Don't let opportunities and great people pass you by. Live life to the fullest so when you look back you'll have very few regrets.

Well, there comes a time when all things must come to an end. So farewell my friends; my future awaits me.



## ASK ANYTHING

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ad manager

Have you ever had one of those days when you just wish you had someone to talk to? So have we. So ask us anything...

## QUESTION:

I've always hated taking tests. I get nervous and feel like there's so much pressure on me, so when I came to college this only got worse when I had to take finals. What are some ways I can calm myself down and try to focus when I'm actually taking the test?

## ANSWER:

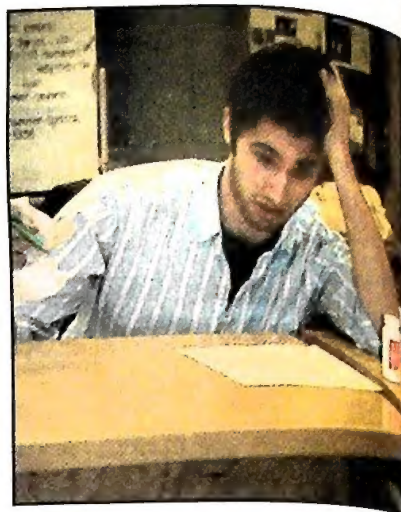
First off, there are two types of anxiety that you may be facing. You may be nervous because you did not prepare enough or you may just "blank out" while taking a test. Both of these reactions are normal for some people, but let's give you some ways to overcome these reactions.

The step that may help the most in this situation is to prepare for the test. You should avoid cramming and always give yourself enough time to look over the material that will be on the test. If you can't cover all the material you have learned throughout the semester before the test, make sure to go over the main ideas and concepts.

You should also try and change your attitude about tests. You can only do what you are capable of doing. In other words, try to show as much as you know about the subject. Remind yourself that this is only one test, and that there will be other chances to display your skills and abilities.

During the test you should do a few things as well. Look through the entire test, read the instructions thoroughly and work on the easiest sections first. For multiple choice questions, read through each possible answers and eliminate the most obvious ones first. Finally, focus on answering the questions, not on the grade you may receive afterwards.

After the test reward yourself by going out to a movie, spending some time with friends, or just take some time for yourself. Don't dwell on the mistakes you may have made. Focus on the opportunity you have to showcase your abilities!



## "Courier" memories

"Paul, what do you do to the photos again?" -almost everyone during earlier production nights." - Paul Kurutsides

"Duh... free starbucks coffee!!!!" - Elizabeth Korzelik

"Having a class for no longer than 50 minutes every Wednesday." - Heather Haas

"Learning how to write a story without my opinion." - Morgan Richardson

"When Chelsea took over." - Bear (Mike Dalsing)

"Getting a call from Diana at 8 in the morning after a production night, telling me my page hadn't saved correctly and it needed to be redone. I was pretty happy since I'm such a morning person, ha." - Rachel Ward

"Getting free food at the last meeting." - Stephanie Klein

"Getting to cover cool events like the Guster concert." - Spencer Tylin

"One word: Hedgehog!" - Gwen Hayes

"The night Chelsea, Jake and I were the only ones working and Chelsea's infamous words." - Justine Ehlers

"Sharing the way I see it with Clarke students." - Ebonee Shaw

"My favorite memory would be having Chelsea as an editor-she's such an inspiration!!!!!" - Tim Teliszczak

"When all the pages got deleted." - Ashley Zaehringer

"Getting the phone call from Diana saying the sports page got deleted so I went back to the comm lab, but it only took me 30 minutes to redo the page when it took me four hours to do the first time." - Sarah Bradford

"Jake's photo shoot in the comm lab the last production night." - Chelsea Theisen

"Frustration. Nothing goes right! And often! Ugh. Good times." - Olli Sinno

"When I realized my mediocre writing talents could get me into a college newspaper." - Jake Trowbridge

## Letter from the editor...

I wanted to take a moment to thank the entire "Courier" staff. Every single one of you should be so proud of everything that you have contributed to this newspaper this semester. I have had great times with all of you and will never forget the memories. Also, I would like to thank the entire Clarke community for contributing to the past four years of my life. I will always remember my experiences at Clarke and especially those working on the "Courier."

—Chelsea Theisen

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## CAMPUS LIFE

## English class goes electronic with e-zine

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As part of a new project, Clarke English professor Ann Pelelo's professional writing class recently created an online magazine. The e-zine, named "The Language and Literature Oasis," features articles, profiles and links of

"When we floated ideas past the college's administration about such a project, they were supportive, particularly since this would cost nothing to the college or students. Going online seemed fitting with contemporary times in which every-

students experienced the process of communicating information in the real world. "Reading, writing, and revising is messy work, so we experienced the messiness in a very real way as we underwent the first two weeks," Pelelo said.

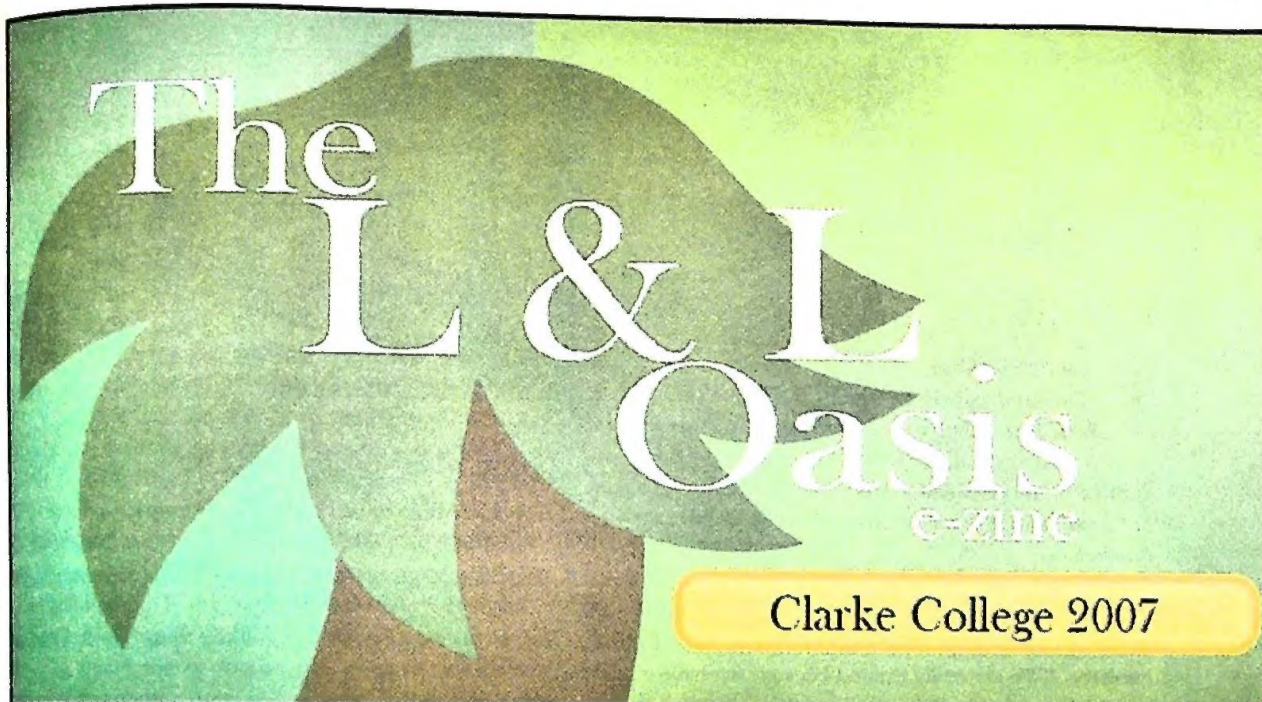
Sophomore English major Holly Winterhalter was part of the technology team, which designed the layout and put each page into web format. "I enjoyed constructing the actual web pages. I also enjoyed working with my group; we worked well together. It will be interesting to see how other professional writing classes take it on," she said.

Heidi Rhinehart, a freshman English major, assumed the roles of both writer and editor-in-chief. "After all the work we put into the e-zine, it's nice to see the finished product. Being the editor-in-chief taught me the importance of time management," she said.

After several weeks of writing, interviewing, revising, and learning how to post content on the Internet, the students' finished product is up and running and getting positive feedback. "It's proving to have more uses than we envisioned. In the hands of the department and the admissions office, for example, it can be used effectively for recruitment," Pelelo said.

The Language and Literature Department plans to use the e-zine in future endeavors. "The e-zine may include links to writing contest work or the work of majors and minors, Fischer said. "For majors and writing minors, too, the e-zine offers a strong element for future resumes. We are enormously pleased with what students can produce when given the encouragement to create and carry through."

The professional writing class e-zine can be accessed at <http://keller.clarke.edu/~apelelo>.



interest to those with an interest in English or Spanish.

Katherine Fischer, chair of the Language and Literature department, said the e-zine idea sprouted from past generations of Clarke student-produced literary magazines.

thing from new novels by acclaimed authors to news magazines to the "New York Times" appears online," Fischer said.

As a start to the project, Pelelo's class was divided into four teams: public relations, technology, writing, and editing. The

## Women's conference stresses finding your season

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Clarke College hosted the 2007 Women's Leadership Conference, April 21. "Walk into Your Season," an inspirational conference to help women feel confident and comfortable being assertive in their daily lives. Students and faculty were given the opportunity to participate in three sessions involving tips on leadership and how to present themselves as ambitious women in the real world.

Keynote speaker Wendy Wheelock, executive director of NICC Town Clock Center for Professional Development, gave the message "make the rest your life the best of your life," over brunch. Wheelock spoke of eight ways to be happy and successful and how to manage situations you cannot control. She shared personal experiences about how she regrouped and recovered from some of the obstacles that have occurred in her life, such as her husband's severe illness.

Wheelock also discussed how stressful situations could be resolved by making confident decisions, surrounding yourself with positive people, and not worrying about things you cannot control. "The speech was informational and inspirational. I will take her views into consideration while planning for my future," said Verinda Love, a sophomore business administration major.

Attendees participated in three sessions, including one titled "Look Good, Feel Great." The sessions included activities such as make-up tips from professionals from Clinique and tips on nutrition, self-confidence, and how to balance your life.

"Our goal is to make women walk away feeling beautiful, empowered and ready to conquer the world," said coordinator Ebonee Shaw, a senior communication major.

## Panel says sex offender 2000-foot law needs to be repealed

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In 2005, 10 year-old Jetseta Gage of Cedar Rapids was sexually abused and murdered by her mother's boyfriend. With all of the media attention surrounding this case, a public outcry to stop such horrible crimes was heard throughout the state. As a result, a new law came into effect that a registered convicted sex offender must live at least 2000 feet away from schools, daycares, parks and other places children are usually found. However, this means that even though a registered sex offender sleeps at this address, during the day he or she is fully within the law to be at places where there are children.

"While they say legislators agree, many aren't willing to work on changing the law for fear of looking soft on child abuse and losing votes."

Monday, April 23 in Jansen music hall Dubuque Assistant County Attorney Chris Corken, Chief Deputy Don Vrotsos of the Dubuque County Sheriff's Office, and Wendy Lyons, Residential Probation/Parole Supervisor at the Dubuque Residential Facility, presented a discussion of the problems with the 2000-foot law and whether it really protects children.

While mothers think keeping their children away from "the bad part of town" will protect them, they don't realize that evil can be lurking beneath any façade. Corken made the point that we need to dispel the myth of "stranger danger." Only 3 percent of children are sexually abused by strangers, the other 97 percent are being abused by fathers, uncles, brothers, cousins, and the "nice guy" next door.

"Sexual abusers are attracted to vulnerable children without a support system or anyone to listen to them, but are not limited to these children alone," said Corken.

A downside of the new law is that prosecutors had a better chance of getting a confession from sex offenders before the law was passed because the offenders weren't forced to relocate outside cities and away from their homes and jobs.

This means children are forced to go to a trial and be reassaulted through the system by having to relive their experience in court. Without a guilty plea it is unlikely that an offender will be convicted or put in a rehab program. Since most children are sexually abused by someone they know, after the offender is let off, the child is going back into a life involving this person.

The abusers who are convicted and admitted into a rehab program are less likely to repeat an offense than someone who is not. People such as Lyons are working on finding out from the convicted offenders what arouses them and what they do to make kids trust them. Also, along with being involved in group therapy sessions, abusers are tracked with GPS ankle bracelets to make sure they aren't going out of the bounds of the law.

The three people on the panel said they are just a few of many who have appealed to multiple legislators to have the 2000-foot law changed. While they say legislators agree, many aren't willing to work on changing the law for fear of looking soft on child abuse and losing votes.

"With next year being an election year change doesn't seem to be in the near future, but that won't stop us from battling for what we believe is right, children's rights," said Corken.

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# CAMPUS LIFE

## On the Street

### What are your plans for the summer?



**Kyle Webber, junior psychology major**  
I plan on training all summer so I can compete in an Ironman competition in early August. My training will consist of biking, swimming, and running six days a week.

**Katie Michael, freshman art education major**  
Getting a job wherever I can find one and camping. I'm staying in Prairie Du Chien, Wisc over the summer because my home town is so small that there aren't any jobs available.

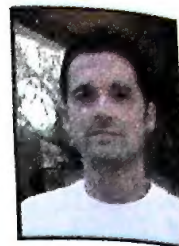


tim teliszczak  
staff writer

**Taylor Albright, senior business finance/management major**  
I'm going to drive to Arizona where I live with my dog Koda. I am going to stop at landmarks along the way. When I get there I plan on working for the summer and getting some sun.



**Carolyn Strang, junior education major**  
I'm moving out to Seattle to live with my oldest sister. I want to try and find a job being a counselor or teacher for a summer school program.



## Big Brothers/Sisters finds big hearts on campus

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Last November, Hillcrest Family Services of Dubuque contacted Clarke seeking to find college students willing to make a difference in the lives of local youth. Instead of trying to match up "Bigs" and "Littles" Clarke decided to bring Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Clarke for three weekends and make a difference on campus.

"We decided to do big group activities to try and get students here at Clarke matched up with local youth," said Laura Blanchard, community service intern for campus ministry. "We are really excited because we have already had 10-15 students express interest in continuing to be a part of these youth's lives."

Having a mentor isn't always as easy as looking up to parents or siblings while growing up. For some children the home setting isn't an ideal place to find someone to look up to and connect with. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is a youth mentoring service that reaches out to children in need of someone to be close to and to build long lasting relationships to help children reach their potential.

"I did it because it makes me feel good to see the kids smile," said Dan Marxkors, sophomore psychology major. "My back was bruised from being a human piñata but its fun to make a difference in these young kids' lives. It is important for them to have someone and it feels incredible to be that person if only for a few hours."

Studies have shown that youths that participate in BB/BS are more confident in their school work, get along better with their families, are 46 percent less likely to use drugs, 27 percent less likely to use alcohol, and 52 percent less likely to skip school. Among these facts the most important is that young people who need help and need someone in their lives are getting that.

"It's an incredible feeling when you make a difference in a child's life," said Kayla Shaffer, elementary and special education major. "I do it because I care about kids and whatever I can do to help matter to me the most. It is so important because some children don't have someone to look up to."



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Therese Mackin (left) as senior class May Queen in 1950.

## Therese Mackin retirement

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The past two years Sr. Therese has been the director of development. She describes her position as one of raising both friends and money for Clarke. "My job is to identify with those who have the same values and appreciation for Clarke that I do," she said.

Even though Clarke has been through many changes in the past half-century, Sr. Therese says that the important things have remained the same. "Clarke still has the same values, and the same desire to graduate educated and responsible students," she said.

Many of the students who have graduated hold a place in their hearts for Sr. Therese. "When I talk to alums, they will often ask me how Therese is," Lingen said. Sr. Therese said that she enjoys Homecoming when she sees many of her old friends and students.

Quoting the Bible verse from Ecclesiastes about a time to every purpose, Sr. Therese acknowledges that it is time for her to move on to the next stage of her life. "The demands of my position are considerable," she said. "The decision to retire has been in my mind for over a year now."

But even though Sr. Therese is retiring from her demanding full-time work schedule, her days will still be filled with activity. A long-awaited trip to visit Catherine Dunn who is living in Ireland has already been planned. "The Irish are so generous with their time and their lives," she said. "The pace of life moves slower than it does for us; I really like that."

Other traveling is also planned; Sr. Therese has brothers in Oregon and in Florida whom she plans on visiting. She said that she is also looking forward to reading a lot more and just relaxing.

Lingen says that she will miss Sr. Therese's upbeat presence and generous nature. "Therese is such a charitable person," she said. "She would do absolutely anything for you."

Hendel mentions Sr. Therese's grateful nature. "She is always thanking people. It's such a wonderful gift to express gratitude; and this gift has been used continually in all of her positions at Clarke."

Throughout the years, Sr. Therese has been many things to innumerable people – a dedicated administrator, a devoted teacher, a good friend. Her contributions, both professionally and personally, will continue to stand as a testament to her commitment and dedication to the Clarke community.

## Commencement speaker

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Dubuisson has warm memories of her days at Clarke due to the mixture of the first-class education and the people.

"Many of us focus so much on moving forward in life, pursuing careers, raising families, taking on community projects, that we don't even consider how we get where we are," said Dubuisson.

"I didn't realize it for a long time, but I really loved the Clarke experience."

Dubuisson said that she was stunned when asked to be this year's commencement speaker. She found herself wondering what qualified her to inspire graduates.

"I can only talk about what has inspired me," said Dubuisson. "If we pay attention, everyone we encounter, especially those most different from us, will teach us something. My years on the bench have showed me that there are always at least two sides to every story, and often both have merit."

Dubuisson currently lives in Olympia, Wash. where she is in her sixth term as Thurston County District Court Judge. She is active in many professional and community organizations including the Community Youth Services, the YWCA, the Red Cross, Dispute Resolution Center, the Board for Court Education, District and Municipal Court Judges Association, the state Judicial College, and the Judicial Conduct Commission.

This year marks Clarke's 164th Commencement ceremony. It will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, in the Robert and Ruth Kehl Center.

## Campus Security

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"We at Clarke are really ahead of the game on intervention with students and employees," said Swanton. He has worked with Student Life, Residence Life, and student counseling services to ensure that students who have had difficulties with their educational or personal lives are coping with their troubles. Because Clarke is a smaller school, it's easier for students and faculty and staff to form close relationships. "The faculty is more willing to tell someone if they think an individual is having a problem," he said.

Students are also encouraged to talk to a Clarke employee if they feel that one of their classmates might be in an unstable frame of mind.

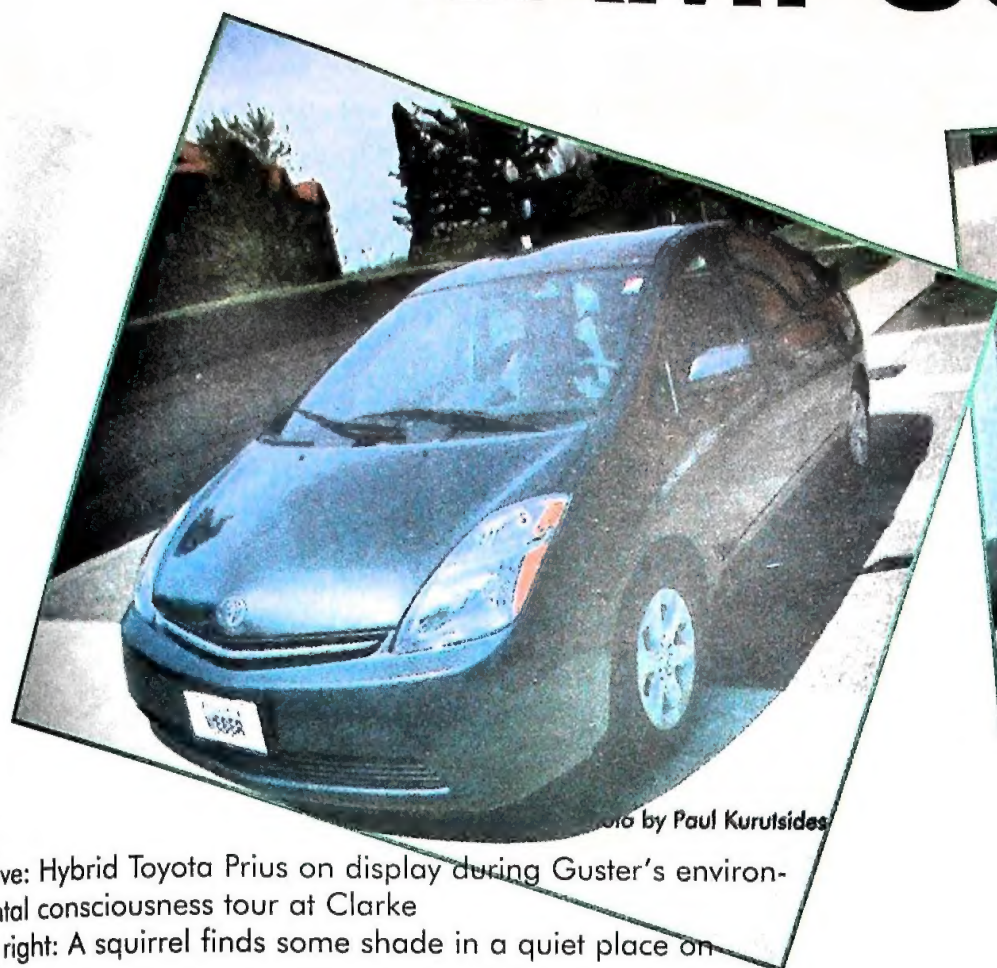
In past incidents, students have been asked to leave the college because of problems they were having. They were then required to receive extensive counseling before they were allowed to return to campus. Intervention methods like these help to stop trouble before it starts.

Having kids of his own, Swanton felt the effects of the Virginia Tech incident and said this reinforced his motivation to protect the students at Clarke. "I want to try to take care of these kids like I would want someone else to take care of mine," he said.

A few tips that Swanton suggested include being aware of your surroundings, leaving doors shut and unpropped, and letting Security know about any suspicious activity you might see. "I would rather get a million calls about something that turns out to be nothing than miss the one call that could be something big."

Lastly, and perhaps most simply: "Be aware, think, and be responsible."





Above: Hybrid Toyota Prius on display during Guster's environmental consciousness tour at Clarke

Top right: A squirrel finds some shade in a quiet place on campus.

Bottom right: Organic food displayed at the Shift Consciousness Pavilion during Guster's stop at Clarke.

## Talking Green with Adam Gardner

spencer tylin  
staff writer

On Wednesday May 2 just hours before he took the stage at Clarke, Guster's Adam Gardner took time out of his schedule to talk to students, faculty and staff about environmentally friendly practices and things people can do around campus to save the environment.

Gardner, who plays guitar and sings in Guster along with heading Reverb, a non-profit organization that seeks to raise awareness and support for the environment through building upon the powerful connection between musicians and their fans, talked for almost an hour about ways students can change the world they live in with little steps.

Guster uses a vegetable based bio-diesel fuel made mostly from soy. This does not require any changes in the vehicles used along the tour, but does mean less maintenance for the buses and it also helps clean out the engine. Last year on their first campus consciousness tour Guster saved 100,000 lbs of carbon dioxide by using its bio-diesel buses.

To make their tour carbon neutral Guster looks at how much carbon is put into the air by the tour then donates money to solar and wind farms. Gardner said the government uses solar and wind power first because it is cheapest; however, there are not enough plants to power the country so they have to turn to fossil fuels.

To help pay for more wind and solar-powered plants, Guster also donates money from selling stickers that say "Kiss me, I am carbon neutral."

Gardner said students can make an impact by doing small things like using non-toxic cleaning products, turning off the water while they are brushing their teeth and unplugging electric products while not in use.

"It's not an all or nothing thing, just do something," he said. Gardner emphasized that any little thing can help, that recycling one aluminum can save as much energy as not watching television for three hours.

He said Emory College in Atlanta uses grease from campus kitchens to power its campus, stressing how students need work with their campus administrators to change the way we live.

Clarke is taking steps towards becoming more eco-friendly. The group CLEAN, recycles about 100 pounds of paper a week.

## Senior Memories

### Jessica Macomber, art major

Meeting my best friend Sara Wonder and taping Mr. Opportunity (honda cartoon) to our dorm room ceiling!

### Ashley Wyatt, elementary education major

Winning 2 conference titles for our relays last year for track.

### Carl Meyers, art education K-12 major

At the beginning of every school year, the Clarke art department would have a picnic to welcome back the returning art students and introduce the new ones. What a great time! Laughing and eating, what more could you want?

### Jess Nadeau, nursing major

Having shoe flipping contests in the basement of the dorms.

### Stephanie Erbsen, athletic training/physical therapy major

Going to Florida this past spring break.

### Niki Wallace, studio art major

Working late hours in the studio with other art students.

### Emily Meyer, Spanish and physical therapy major

Cross Country practices at Heritage trail with the CC fam!

### Lynne McDermott, communication major

I made friends with people of all ages. I will miss these people. It was my lifelong dream to go to college and now I can tell the world I have a college education. The professors were so helpful that I succeeded beyond my wildest dreams.

### Mike Link, drama/speech major

When we received a standing ovation for "The Laramie Project."



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## ARTS ETC.

## Top ten blockbusters to see this summer

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## 10. "Live Free or Die Hard"

I loved all of the "Die Hard" movies, and even though Bruce Willis is getting a little old, I think this fourth movie will be great. Willis plays Detective John McClane who tries to stop a criminal from taking down the technological structure that supports the economy of the United States. It's up to the "old school" hero to undo the conspiracy, aided by a young hacker (Justin Long from "Accepted").

Release Date: June 27, 2007

## 9. "28 Weeks Later"

"28 Days Later" may have seemed like just another zombie movie, which to me it was, but I love horror movies, especially ones with zombies. The sequel, "28 Weeks Later," starts six months after the Rage virus has spread throughout the city of London. The U.S. Army comes in and restores order in the quarantined city, but an unknowing carrier of the virus enters the city and spreads it throughout, bringing the virus back to life.

Release Date: May 11, 2007

## 8. "Evan Almighty"

I laughed throughout "Bruce Almighty" so this summer when the sequel comes out I expect to do the same thing. This time the star is Bruce's onscreen nemesis, Evan Baxter (Steve Carell), but in the sequel Bruce and Evan have made up and Evan has moved from the Buffalo newsroom to a career in politics as a congressman in Washington D.C. Evan is summoned by the Almighty himself (Morgan Freeman), to build an ark, much as Noah once did. Evan will have to do work that God assigns to Evan and hopefully save humanity.

Release Date: June 22, 2007

## 7. "Ocean's 13"

So far the summer of 2007 looks to be dominated by series. "Ocean's 11," was a good movie but the 12th was not as good. In the third movie Danny Ocean (George Clooney) rounds up the boys for a third heist after casino owner Willy Bank (Al Pacino) double crosses one of the original eleven. The thirteenth ocean is Andy Garcia, "Ocean's 11" and 12 villain, now helping Ocean and his gang get at Bank.

Release Date: June 8, 2007

## 6. "The Bourne Ultimatum"

I loved "The Bourne Identity" and "Supremacy" so I am really looking forward to the third Bourne installment this summer. In the third Bourne movie Matt Damon races to discover the final mysteries of his past while a government agent tries to track him down after a shootout in Moscow.

Release Date: August 3, 2007

## 5. "The Simpson's Movie"

How can you take a show that has ruled television for over 13 years and make it better? Make it into a movie. I have loved "The Simpsons" for many, many years and can't wait to see them finally hit the big screen this summer. The Simpson family decides to take it big with this epic movie staring all of the original characters with many big guest stars.

Release Date: July 27, 2007

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## 4. "Transformers"

When I was little I was into a lot of cartoons like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, but I never got into "The Transformers." But after watching the trailer for it, I felt like I had been a fan for years. Dueling alien races, the Autobots and the Deceptions, bring their battle to Earth, leaving the future of humankind hanging in the balance. This live-action movie will keep audiences interested because of the relationships that can be established between actors and the audience that can only be felt in live action.

Release Date: July 4, 2007

## 3. "Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix"

The fifth of the Harry Potter movies means many things, like Harry is growing up and facing tougher challenges at Hogwarts, and that the series is winding down. This year, Harry Potter returns to Hogwarts for one of his most difficult years yet. Not only must he study for his OWL exams, but because the Ministry of Magic is gradually taking control of Hogwarts and spares no efforts in trying to discredit Harry, Harry tries to tell the skeptical wizarding world the truth about Voldemort's return.

Release Date: July 13, 2007

## 2. "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

After what I consider last summer's bust, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," I hope the third "Pirates" will be much better than the second one. I fell in love with the first movie, and hope that this summer my love for pirates and sword fights will be rekindled with "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End." The movie starts after Elizabeth (Keira Knightly), Will (Orlando Bloom), and Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) rescue Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from the clutches of the Kraken. They must face their foes, Davey Jones (Bill Nighy) and Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander). Beckett, now with control of Jones' heart, forms a dark alliance with him in order to rule the seas and wipe out the last of the pirates. Now, Jack, Barbossa, Will, Elizabeth, Tia Delma, and crew must call the pirate lords from the four corners of the globe, including the infamous Sao Feng (Chow Yun Fat), to a gathering that will mark their final stand against Beckett, Jones, Norrington, the Flying Dutchman, and the entire East India Trading Company.

Release Date: May 25, 2007

## 1. "Spider-Man 3"

How can you hate a character who once was a nerdy newspaper employee, then gets bitten by a spider and gets superhero powers? I can't wait to see the end of this trilogy with the return of characters from the first two movies. The highly anticipated final chapter of the trilogy sees Peter and Mary Jane finally together, but three new enemies, the Sandman, Venom and Spidey's old enemy, the New Goblin, his best friend, Harry Osborn, threaten the lives of people close to Peter.

Release Date: May 4, 2007

## Timberland gets 4 stars

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Most of us know Timberland as the producer of tracks for the likes of Justin Timberlake and Nelly Furtado, but a lot of us don't realize that he began as a rapper. When he first came onto the scene, he and his counterpart, Magoo, came with their own unique style. They wanted to stay true to themselves and to the music they were making.

Timberland has continued staying true by covering all different genres of music, and his new CD "Shock Value" proves it. As expected, he features a lot of different artists. Some you would expect: Justin Timberlake, Nelly Furtado, Magoo, and Dr Dre. However, he also features artists that not many would expect like Fall Out Boy, Elton John, and The Hives. For most people this kind of line up would never work, but Timberland is able to make the music and the style of the artists fit together with the rest of the songs on the CD.

The CD is split into two different sections. The first is more hip hop while the second is more of a pop/rock style. This CD is like no other, a few if any producers or artists would be willing to put all these guest appearances



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on one CD.

Overall this is an extremely unusual CD, and everyone should give it a chance because it has something for everyone. I give it four out of five stars.

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## Media Watch

	Megan Manternach junior nursing major	Dan Marxkors sophomore psychology major	Jared Akers junior psychology major	Kayla Sullivan freshman graphic design major
Favorite Song	"Big Girls Don't Cry" by Fergie	"Outta my system" by T-Pain	This is the way I Live" by Baby Boy Da Prince	"Glamorous" by Fergie
Favorite recent movie	"Blades of Glory"	"Blades of Glory"	"Alpha Dogs"	"Alpha Dogs"
Favorite magazine	"Cosmo"	"Eurosport"	"Maxim"	"People"
Favorite TV show	"Unwrapped" (on the Food Channel)	"UFC"	"Scrubs"	"Grey's Anatomy"

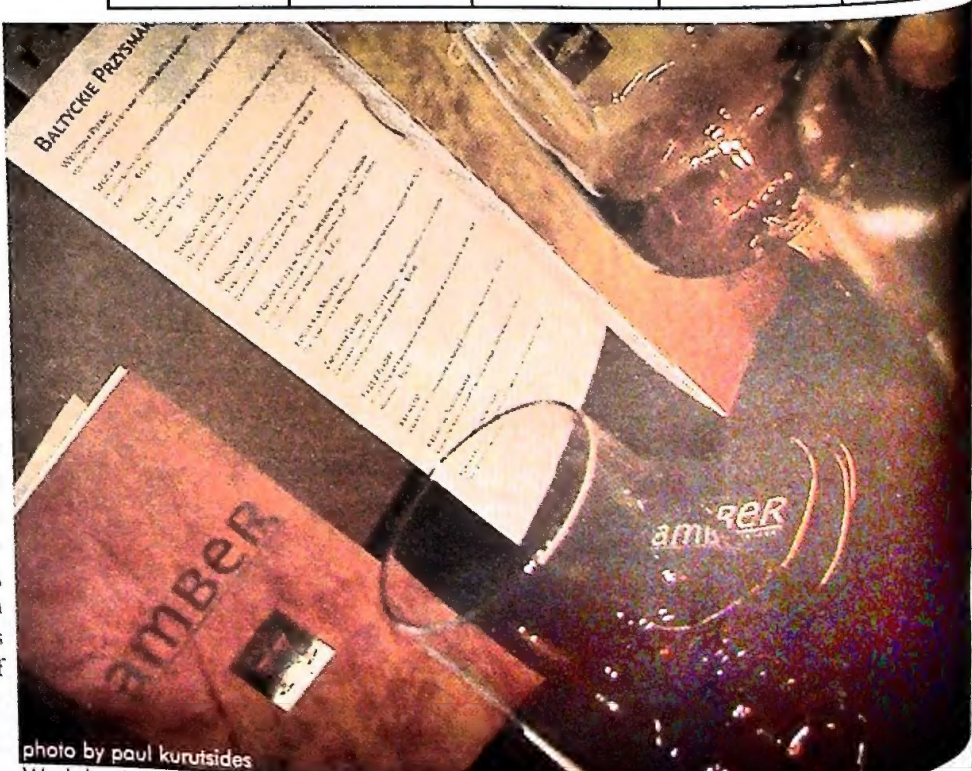


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Work by Annie Koelker was part of last month's Clarke graphic designers exhibit.

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The Clarke College softball team is gearing up for hosting an exciting tournament. Friday, May 4-5, the team is hosting the 2007 Association of Division III Independents Midwest Softball Championship.

"Compared to last year our team has improved a lot in hitting," said sophomore Michelle Tranel. "We can't wait to see the women are set to compete. Clarke will play Lincoln, the University of Clarke is coming into Wesleyan. First-seeded F

Men's volley

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With Clarke's NALIA, the men's volleyball team just finished the Mid-American Men's Volleyball Intercollegiate Conference April 13.

"I think MAMVIC is a great fit for Clarke," junior ball player Andy Accardi said. "We will be in one of the conferences in the coming NALIA Men's Volleyball

"We will be in one of the conferences in the coming NALIA Men's Volleyball

will have a chance to bring home our first year in the conference." For the last 10 years, Clarke has been a member of the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) allowed Clarke to compete against Division III teams.

Members of the MIVA include Clarke College of Indiana, Ind.; Cardinal Newman University, Milwaukie, Ore.; Johnson University, Denver, Colo.; St. Charles University, St. Louis, Mo.; Missouri Valley



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## Softball hosts DIII Independent Tourney

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The Clarke College softball team is gearing up for hosting an exciting tournament. Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, the team is hosting the 2007 Association of Division III Independents Midwest Softball Championship.

"Compared to last year our team has improved a lot in batting," said sophomore Michelle Tranel. "We came together as a team this year and we have results to prove it."

The women are set to compete against three other teams in the tournament. As an independent team, Clarke will play against other independent teams including Nebraska Wesleyan of Lincoln, the University of Dallas, and Findlandia University of Hancock, Michigan.

Clarke is coming into the tournament seeded third and will play second-seeded Nebraska Wesleyan. First-seeded Finlandia is set to play fourth-seeded University of Dallas.



The Clarke College softball team lines up to do their pre-game rituals before the game.

All the games will be played at the Dubuque Independent League Complex. Clarke students can get in free with their student ID to support the softball team. Games are set to begin at 2 p.m. on Friday and noon on Saturday.

"I expect us to do well at the tournament because we've already faced Nebraska Wesleyan University," said Tranel. "We competed against their number one pitcher and did our best, so we should compete well."



Clarke's softball team huddles together before the start of their game.

### Men's volleyball joins MAMVIC

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sports editor

With Clarke's switch to NAIA, the men's volleyball team joined the Mid-American Men's Volleyball Intercollegiate Conference on April 13.

"I think MAMVIC is an excellent fit for Clarke," junior volleyball player Andy Accacian said. "We will be in one of the top conferences in the country for NAIA Men's Volleyball, and we

Marshall, Mo.; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; Newman University, Wichita, Kan.; Park University, Parkville, Mo.; Peru State College, Peru, Neb.; and St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

Although Clarke will be unable to play against Division I teams in this conference, it will still face top competition. Lindenwood University, Park University, Missouri Valley College and St. Ambrose University are all competing in the NAIA Men's

"We will be in one of the top conferences in the country."

will have a chance to be competitive our first year in the conference.

For the last 10 years Clarke has been a member of the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association. The MIVA allowed Clarke to participate against Division I, II and III teams.

Members of the MAMVIC are Calumet College of St. Joseph, Whiting, Ind.; Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee; Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa; Johnson and Wales University, Denver; Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Mo.; Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis; Missouri Valley College,

Volleyball National Invitational Tournament.

"Playing so many teams of such high caliber will continue to move our program in a positive direction," head Coach Chris Miron said. "We are excited to begin competing in a conference against teams that have proven to be successful at the regional and national level in men's collegiate volleyball."

The players also enjoy the competition.

"Being in the MAMVIC allows us to maintain a high level of competition, gain exposure, and make a run at an NAIA National Championship," Accacian said.

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1932 Harlon Hill  
1949 Stella Parton  
1959 Randy Travis  
1972 Chris Tomlin  
1979 Lance Bass

### History:

1715 - A French manufacturer debuted the first folding umbrella.  
1864 - Ulysses S Grant crossed Rapidan and began his duel with Robert E Lee.  
1954 - The first intercollegiate court tennis match in the U.S. took place between Yale and Princeton.  
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## Campus Calendar...

### May 4

5:45 p.m. Clarke College Honors Banquet (Dining Room)

### May 11

8:45 a.m. Baccalaureate Practice (St. Raphael's Cathedral, 231 Bluff Street)  
10:30 a.m. Commencement Practice (Terence Donaghoe Hall)

### May 12

Baccalaureate Liturgy:(St. Raphael's Cathedral, 231 Bluff Street)  
9:15 a.m. Graduates should assemble  
9:40 a.m. Procession begins  
10 a.m. Liturgy begins

Commencement:(Terence Donaghoe Hall)  
2:15 p.m. Graduates should assemble  
2:40 p.m. Procession begins  
3 p.m. Commencement begins

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